

His Majesties Gracious⁹
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With Newes from NOTTINGHAM,
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And to by him discovered.



London, Printed for J. T. 1641.

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**A Copie of a Letter sent from
A Gentleman of good worth in Nottingham
to a Merchant of wealth and Quality in Italy**

Worthy Sir,



Having the opportunity of this lettered Gentleman, news of his health, I could not let him pass without a salute in a line or twine, desiring of your health and welfare with the rest of your family as much as I could

For Newes I do earnestly desire you to impart faith
of probability, as shall come to your hearing, before
charging the Almighty God to guide and direct all pro-
ceedings in that Honorable and High Court of Par-
liament to his glory, and the comfort and happiness
of all his Majesty's Kingdomes. I desire which you
have how the Papist Rebels proceed in Scotland, for
we have too many ill affected Papists amongst us here
in our Countrey.

And for our Castle of Northampton it was of late
in the custody of one Mr. Traford a Papist, whereby
great jealousies were in most men's minds, till Sir

for the better security of the Towne, which the
Governour of the Towne taking into their considera-
tion, caused a very strong guard and watch to be kept
about it night and day, in which posture it stands yet,
Messengers being sent up to the Honourable House of
Parliament, there is a Vault in the Castle called
Mortimers Hole, which is wide and very spacious,
and a great distance from thence. Another Cave cal-
led *the Kings Vault* is in all which places it
is supposed to be a vault and more with a Vault and
Parishure in, be kept and concealed.
The suspicion of all which was much more increas-
ed by a Rumour of great quantities of meate killed
by *the Kings* appointed men against *the Kings*, with
a great many of Bees, *the Kings* and *the Kings* him-
self being a true Gentleman, and keeping ordinarily
but a small Retinue of Servants about him, since
the Officers of the Towne have taken that the
Court is at war, and warning about the Castle,
he hath removed into dwelling into a House of a Parle-
ment adjoining where he keeps very privately, and
some suppose he is gone away from thence secretly,
where he is supposed to be seen here about us,
that no man almost (for feare of treasons, and
Plots from the Papists) dares goe to the Church
without his Pistol, and sword by his side, I beseech
God that Peace and quiett may be soled among us.
A
Sir

The 10th of March was chosen for the opening of the Tower, and also what news concerning the shipps, here is expectation dayly of new furnishing, and redi-
fying all the strong holds of our Conscience.

Lord George Digby to Col. Lumsden

I am sorry I have been so tedious in my relation, which I fear hath a little troubled your patience; but I trust you take all in good part and so I take my leave. And thus

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their proceedings, and that
 those whole nations are rewarded with happy and
 prosperous and to measure the event, and not

Nottingham this 14 day

1111 of February, 1641.

what casting, and so much ball would otherwise
forth spout. Patience will manage the public
to like you, or half Mother, who will then
must want and expect for our ball advantage, and not
we in our own debates here in England, but we

you'll

The true Copie of a Letter sent from the
Lord George Digbie to Col. Lunsford.

Most worthy and noble Colonel,



Our duty to constantly have bound
me unto you, and although our de-
signe took not its effect, I shall
with the lesse value, of prize your
Reall disposition. For I am none of
those men, who by the successe in
their proceedings, and who thinke none deserving, but
those whose actions are crowned with happy and
prosperous event, and so measure the event, and not
the cause. Let us not be discouraged because our Ad-
versaries have given check unto our proceedings, but
let us play our game valiantly and discreetly, and I am
confident, that if we can but keepe them from giving
of us check mate, the game will be ours. Our power is
daily encreased and strengthened in Ireland, and I am
certain, that if we are as much supported in England,
we might obaine our desires here in England, but we
must waite and expect for our best advantage, and not
be like your too-hasty Mothers, who whilest they doe
too much hasten the birth of their issue, they bring
forth abortives. Patience will mature and produce
what rashnesse and too much haist would otherwise de-
stroy

stronger, if to be Loyal and Faithfull to his Majesty
be culpable, we must plead guilty. I have done
nothing, but what was for the security of his Crowne
and Priviledge, if it be demanded why I have absented
my selfe, I shall not be wanting of sufficient reason for
their satisfaction. Let me vnderstand from your owne
hand the condition of the times, as soon as I arrive you
shall have intelligence of it, I could wish you with me
but I hope and am almost confident, that you shall
come where you now abide, for they have not any power
or for what hath yet been enterprised any way to pre-
iudice or question, nothing being acted either against
the King or Common wealth. Bee carefull in your
carriage and discourse, for you have many which daily
lye in waite to cartrap you. But I shall not need to
counsell you any further, but for the present, take my
leave, and rest.

Your faithfull friend,

George Digbie.

From the Downes aboard
the 10. Whelpes, Febru.

27. 28. 1641.

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Answer,

To the Proposition of both Houses of Parli-
ment for Ireland, sent the 24th of February
1641.

His Majesty being Glad to receive any proposition
that may relieve the Calamity of his distressed King-
dome, and especially when it may bee with-
out any burthen or imposition, and for the sake of his
good Subjects of this Kingdome, hath graciously considered
the Overture made by both Houses of Parliament to that
purpose, and returns this Answer.

That as he hath desired and is still ready to receive his own
Royal person for the recovery of that Kingdome, if this Par-
liament shall advise therein, so he will not deny to con-
tribute any other assistance he can to that Service, by putting
with any profit or advantage of his owne there, And therefore
(relying upon the wisdom of this Parliament) doth con-
sent to every proposition now made to him, without taking
time to examine whether this course may not retard the redu-
cing of that Kingdome, by exasperating the Rebels, and ren-
dering them desperate of being received into Grace, if they
shall returne to their obedience.

And his Majesty will be ready to give his Royall assent to
all such Bills as shall be tendered unto him by this Parliament
for the confirmation of every particular of this proposition.

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FINIS.

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